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# ORGY of DEATH



**C**AN AN ANCIENT EVIL LIVE THROUGH THE CENTURIES? ALMOST 4,000 YEARS AGO SCREAMING VICTIMS BY THE HORDES DIED IN MOLOCH'S HELLISH EMBRACE TO SATIATE THE FRIGHTFUL BLOODLUST OF THE BULL-HEADED DESTROYER OF LIFE! NOW, IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, THE FEARFUL FIGURE STIRRED TO LIFE, TRAMPING THROUGH THE AWFUL SHADOWS -- UNTIL THE VERY EARTH SHOOK TO THE THUNDER OF GREAT MOLOCH'S VENGEFUL RAGE!



ANCIENT PHOENICIA WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE PAGAN RITES IN HISTORY--THE WORSHIP OF MOLOCH, BULL-HEADED DESTROYER OF LIFE!



THE BRAZEN STATUE WAS ACTUALLY A MONSTROUS OVEN PIT OF FIRE, FED BY TEMPLE SLAVES!



THEN CAME THE CULMINATION OF HORRORS!



The SAVAGE GOD GREW EVER MORE OMNIVEROUS! AT ONE TIME 20,000 PRISONERS OF WAR WERE SACRIFICED IN AN ORGY OF SLAUGHTER!



WITH THE ROMAN CONQUEST OF PHOENICIA, EMPEROR TIBERIUS ORDERED THE FRIGHTFUL WORSHIP STAMPED OUT!





NOT ALL TEMPLES FELL! SOME WERE SPIRITED AWAY IN THE NIGHT, TO REOPEN IN SECRET PLACES, FAR FROM PRYING EYES!



HURRY, SCUM OF THE EARTH! WE MUST BE OVER THE HORIZON BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS!

EZBAAL, THE QEDESHIM, OR HIGH PRIEST OF MOLOCH, WAS CAUGHT AND HANGED!



FOUL BARBARIANS! HEAR ME! LORD MOLOCH WILL RISE ONE DAY IN THE WRATH OF VENGEANCE TO DESTROY THE EARTH!

BUT YOU WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE IT, BURNER OF BABIES! UP WITH THE DOG! LET HIM DANGLE UNTIL CURED!

ALMOST 2,000 YEARS LATER, A CABIN SEAPLANE DRONED OVER A TINY FORGOTTEN ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF SYRIA...

THERE'S YOUR EZBAAL ISLAND, DR. MORGAN! IT'S NO MORE THAN A VOLCANIC CONE... AND NOT A DEAD VOLCANO, EITHER! SEE THAT SMOKE!



IT CAN'T ERUPT NOW! I'VE SPENT TOO MANY YEARS HUNTING CLUES TO THE LOST TEMPLE OF MOLOCH, ALAN! I'VE GOT TO STUDY THE RUINS!

ALAN ISN'T INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT FLYING, UNCLE MORGAN! HE CAN'T APPRECIATE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST'S EXCITEMENT!



I CAN APPRECIATE ANYTHING THAT INTERESTS YOU, LELA!

ALAN LOGAN, YOU STICK TO YOUR FLYING! I'M HERE TO TRANSLATE CUNEIFORM INSCRIPTIONS, NOT ROMANTIC HINTS! COME ON...!

HOW ODD! THERE ISN'T A SOUL IN SIGHT AND IT'S ALMOST DARK!

LISTEN! ISN'T THAT THE SOUND OF CHANTING FROM UP THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE?



LOOK! FAR UP THE MOUNTAIN, THERE-- SOMETHING GLOWING AS IF WHITE HOT!

IT'S MOLOCH--A MONSTROUS STATUE OF MOLOCH! FASTER! WE MAY SEE AN ANCIENT SACRIFICIAL CEREMONY IN THE LOST TEMPLE!







FROM WHAT LELA TOLD ME, THAT CEREMONY ISN'T EXACTLY PUBLIC! WE'D BETTER EASE UP AND WATCH FOR GUARDS!

THAT CHANTING HID THE SOUND OF THE PLANE! IT WILL COVER OUR STEPS, ALAN! IMAGINE, A SECRET RITE PRESERVED FOR AGES! HURRY!



BROTHER! AM I SEEING THINGS?

THE RITES OF MOLOCH! ALAN, THESE MUST BE DESCENDANTS OF ANCIENT PHOENICIANS WHO BROUGHT THEIR TEMPLE HERE TO HIDE IT!



SHH! WATCH EVERY DETAIL, LELA! IF WE'RE DISCOVERED, THEY WOULD TEAR US TO BITS!

OR FEED US TO THAT MONSTER! I DON'T THINK I LIKE THIS DEAL!



SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE SHIFTING SHADOWS...

OH, UNCLE MORGAN, THEY'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE A GIRL! WE MUST STOP THEM!

QUIET, LELA! WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST THAT MOB? AND BESIDES, WE WILL BE THE FIRST MODERNS TO WITNESS THE ANCIENT CEREMONY!



ARE YOU INSANE? I CAN DO SOMETHING... AND I'M GOING TO!

WAIT, YOU FOOL!

STOP! LET GO OF THAT GIRL!



BEASTLY BUTCHERS!

AHHHHH! AN INTRUDER! MOLOCH DESTROY HIM!

ALAN! LOOK OUT!



I'LL HANDLE THIS!

EEEEEEK! UNCLE MORGAN!



QUIET, LELA!  
THIS IS THE  
ONLY WAY TO  
SAVE OUR  
NECKS!

HOLD! I AM A  
GREATER **QECHIM**  
THAN YOUR PRIESTS!  
I WAS SENT BY  
GREAT MOLOCH  
HIMSELF TO REWARD  
YOUR AGES OF FAITH,  
TO AID YOU!



WHO STRUCK  
DOWN THE  
DESECRATOR OF  
YOUR FAITH! I  
DID! HEED ME, AND  
KNOW THAT GREATER  
REWARDS LIE  
AHEAD FOR  
YOU!

ALAN, DARLING!  
ALAN, WAKE  
UP! UNCLE  
MORGAN  
WAS ONLY  
TRYING TO  
SAVE US!  
HE HAD TO  
STRIKE YOU!

OOOOO!



IF YOU ARE  
FROM MOLOCH,  
WHERE IS THE  
SACRIFICE? THE  
GIRL IS GONE...  
RELEASED  
BY YOUR  
COMPANION!

BUT SEE... I  
HAVE FELLED  
THIS MAN AS  
YOUR GREATER  
SACRIFICE!  
COME, TAKE HIM  
FOR THE CEREMONY  
OF MOLOCH!



UNCLE MORGAN,  
ARE YOU MAD?  
THAT'S ALAN! YOU  
CAN'T GIVE HIM TO  
THOSE... THOSE  
**BEASTS** TO BURN  
IN MOLOCH'S LAP!

MY DEAR LELA, THIS  
IS OUR ONLY HOPE!  
WE'D ALL BURN THERE  
IF I DIDN'T OFFER  
THEM A SACRIFICE!  
WE CAN ALWAYS GET  
ANOTHER PILOT!

YOU  
RAT!



ALAN!  
ALAN...!

BUT THE  
FAVORITE  
SACRIFICE  
OF MOLOCH  
IS A GIRL!

THEN WHY DO YOU  
WAIT? YOU HAVE  
MAN AND GIRL IN  
YOUR GRASP!



YOU MADMAN!  
THAT'S YOUR OWN  
NIECE YOU'RE  
CONDEMNING TO  
HORRIBLE DEATH!  
ARE YOU INSANE?

CHAIN THEM IN THE  
SACRIFICIAL PEN! MOLOCH  
WILL APPRECIATE MY GREAT  
SACRIFICE! THE GIRL WAS  
LIKE A DAUGHTER TO ME!



HE'S MAD...MAD!  
MY OWN UNCLE!

COURAGE, LELA! I'VE  
BEEN BUCKING TOUGH  
ODDS ALL MY LIFE! NOT  
AS TOUGH AS THIS, MAY-  
BE... BUT WE'RE NOT  
DEAD YET!





THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT THEY CROUCHED IN THEIR PRISON, HEARING THE TRIUMPHANT CHANTING OF THE CROWD OUTSIDE!

HEAR THAT, ALAN? THEY'VE STOPPED SHOUTING AND STARTED CHANTING AGAIN!

MAYBE YOUR UNCLE HAS FINALLY PERSUADED THEM HE'S A BOSS-PRIEST! THEN HE'LL TELL THEM TO FREE US AND THEY'LL DO IT!

HA! HA! HA!

WITH THE SUNRISE...

DR. MORGAN, YOU'RE WEARING PRIESTS ROBES! THEN YOU'VE WON THEM OVER! WE'LL BE FREED, NOW...

DON'T BE SILLY, DEAR BOY! THE ONLY WAY I COULD WIN THEM WAS BY PROMISING TWO HUMAN SACRIFICES! THEY'D KILL ME IF I FAILED!

YOU FOOLS! THE EARLY RECORDS SHOW THE TEMPLE OF MOLOCH HAD ORNAMENTS VALUED AT A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS! IT IS HIDDEN HERE, SOMEWHERE!

YOU DIRTY RAT!

PERHAPS! BUT ONCE I WIN THEIR CONFIDENCE, THEY'LL SHOW ME WHERE THE TREASURES ARE HIDDEN! ARE YOUR STUPID LIVES WORTH THAT?

I UNDERSTAND, NOW! MY FATHER LEFT ME ALL HIS MONEY! YOU'VE ALWAYS RESENTED HAVING TO ASK ME FOR FINANCING! YOU HATE ME!

THE GIRL AND THE MAN -- THEY ARE DEARER THAN MY OWN CHILDREN TO ME! BUT FOR MOLOCH, I WILL GLADLY OFFER THEM TO THE FIRE!

IF THEY TRULY DIE TONIGHT, THEN WE WILL BOW TO YOU -- AS OUR HIGH PRIEST!

THE HORRIBLE MONSTER! NOW I KNOW WHY CERTAIN INSCRIPTIONS HE FOUND WERE HIDDEN FROM ME! HE'S BEEN AFTER THIS TREASURE FOR YEARS!

A HUNDRED MILLION ISN'T HAY, KITTEN! BETTER MEN THAN YOUR UNCLE HAVE BLOWN THEIR CORKS OVER LESS!

THROUGH THE LONG DAY THEY MADE AND DISCARDED A HUNDRED HOPELESS PLANS FOR ESCAPE! THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM MOLOCH'S GREED!

IT ALL ADDS UP TO THE SAME, MONEY... EVEN IF WE BREAK AWAY, WE'VE GOT A MOB AGAINST US! WE'D NEVER REACH MY PLANE!

IT'S HOPELESS, BUT... ALAN! THAT NOISE... LIKE THUNDER!

RRRUMBLE RRRUMBLE





WHAT'S HAPPENING?  
THE GROUND IS  
SHAKING!

AN EARTHQUAKE! THAT  
VOLCANO MUST REALLY  
BE COMING TO LIFE!  
LOOK OUT FOR THE  
FALLING ROOF!



LOOK! THE WHOLE  
WALL HAS CRACKED  
OPEN!

WHAT ARE WE  
WAITING FOR?  
COME ON...



MOVE IT OR LOSE IT,  
BROTHER! INTO THE  
DARKNESS, LELA...  
QUICK!

THE EARTHQUAKE IS  
DYING OUT, ALAN! IT  
GAVE US OUR CHANCE!



MOLOCH IS ANGRY!  
IT MUST BE BECAUSE  
WE LISTENED TO  
YOU!

FOOLS! MOLOCH IS TRY-  
ING TO WARN YOU THAT YOUR  
VICTIMS ARE ESCAPING!  
QUICK! CUT OFF THE ROAD  
TO THE WATERFRONT, WHERE  
THE FLYING MACHINE SITS!



IT'S HOPELESS!  
THE PEOPLE ARE  
GUARDING THE  
WAY TO THE PLANE,  
ALAN! AND WITH  
DAYLIGHT THEY'LL  
FIND US ON THIS  
TINY ISLAND!

I'M NOT  
LICKED  
UNTIL I'M  
DEAD,  
KITTEN!  
BACK TO THE  
TEMPLE!



ALAN, ARE  
YOU MAD,  
TOO? WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?

SHH! IF THAT  
SKUNK CAN  
BLUFF THESE  
DOGS, I CAN  
TRY A BLUFF OF  
MY OWN! IT'S  
OUR ONLY  
HOPE!



IT WAS A MAD, DESPERATE GAMBLE...  
BUT WHEN LIFE IS AT STAKE, A MAN DARES  
THE IMPOSSIBLE!

WAIT! HAVEN'T YOU  
HAD WARNING  
ENOUGH? MOLOCH  
HIMSELF SHOOK  
THE EARTH TO BRING  
YOU TO YOUR  
SENSES!

FOOLS! DON'T  
LISTEN TO HIM!  
SEIZE HIM FOR  
THE SACRIFICE...  
AND THE GIRL,  
AS WELL!





HOLD! CAN ANY MAN DENY THE EARTH BENEATH US **DID** SHAKE? THEN GIVE HEED TO HIM WHO CLAIMS KINSHIP WITH MIGHTY MOLOCH!

MY PAL! FOOLS! PEASANTS! CAN'T YOU SEE I AM YOUR HIGH PRIEST... YOUR **GEDESHIM**?



THIS ONE IS AN IMPOSTOR! HE SEEKS ONLY THE TEMPLE TREASURE!

DON'T LISTEN! A PRIEST OF MOLOCH WOULD NATURALLY BE INTERESTED IN THE TREASURE OF MOLOCH! SEIZE HIM! BURN HIM!



BUT THE FIRE OF MOLOCH IS QUENCHED! WHEN THE EARTH SHOOK, THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED!

(HERE GOES NOTHING!) **MOLOCH WILL LIGHT HIS OWN FIRE! HE WILL PROVE THIS MOCKER A FAKE!**



ALAN, DON'T MAKE TERRIBLE PROMISES! WE'LL ONLY BE WORSE OFF WHEN THEY FIND YOU'RE BLUFFING!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE ME SAY THAT! IT'S AS IF I WAS SPEAKING WITH SOME OTHER VOICE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT!



SUDDENLY...

LOOK! HE SPEAKS TRULY! MOLOCH GLOWS WITH NEW FIRE!

IT'S A TRICK, I TELL YOU! THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT BY THE EARTHQUAKE! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

EVEN AS THEY STARED THE MONSTRIOUS STATUE GLOWED RED, THEN WHITE WITH TERRIBLE, SEARING HEAT! THEN IT BEGAN TO BOW FORWARD...



ALAN! THE... THE STATUE IS GLowing WITH FIRE! LOOK! IT... IT'S TURNING WHITE, BENDING FORWARD!

LIES! LIES! I TELL YOU, I AM THE HIGH PRIEST OF MOLOCH!



EAAAAAAA!

ALAN! WHA...

DON'T ASK! JUST RUN! GET OUT OF HERE!







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CAN ONE MAN HAVE THE POWER TO POINT OUT THE LIVING DEAD... THOSE WHOM FATE HAS MARKED FOR AN EARLY GRAVE? FANTASTIC? IMPOSSIBLE? PERHAPS - BUT JOHN DURRAND WOULD MOCK YOU ... FOR DESTINY HAD DIRECTED THAT HE SHOULD BECOME ...

# The Man Who Saw Doom



ON A DREARY CITY STREET A GLOVED HAND KNOCKS HEAVILY UPON A PANELED DOOR! IT SWINGS OPEN AND A STRANGE LITTLE MAN STANDS IN THE ENTRANCE.

MY NAME IS DURAND! I DESPERATELY SEEK CONTACT WITH THE FUTURE! THEY SAY THE GREAT ARNAR CAN HELP ME!

ENTER, MR. DURRAND! I AM HERE TO SERVE THOSE WHO WOULD TEAR ASIDE THE VEIL THAT CONCEALS THE GREAT BEYOND!



YOU REALIZE I SPEAK ONLY THE TRUTH I SEE --BE IT HAPPINESS OR TRAGEDY!

I DO! PLEASE PROCEED! I'M ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT AWAITS ME IN THE FUTURE!





ARNAR'S EYES FILL WITH A STRANGE UNHOLY LIGHT! A MUFFLED CRY ECHOES AND RE-ECHOES THROUGH THE CHAMBER!

BEWARE THE EVIL OF THE FUTURE... FEAR WILL FOLLOW YOU... FEAR... FEAR...

I SEE SHADOWS OF UNHAPPINESS, MR. DURRAND! THE VOICE OF THE FUTURE CAUTIONS YOU!



I-I CAN TELL YOU NO MORE AT THIS MOMENT! LATER, AT ANOTHER VISIT PERHAPS! MY FEE IS ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS! I TRUST YOU ARE SATISFIED!

YES..



..I'M SATISFIED ALL RIGHT ARNAR! I'M SPECIAL AGENT, JOHN DURRAND! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR FRAUD! WERE OUT TO RID THE CITY OF YOU CHARLATANS!

AN IMPOSTER! YOU ARE A FOOL MR DURRAND!



AS THE HINDU MYSTIC RIDES TO JAIL...

YOUR CHARACTERS ARE REAL CRACKPOTS TO BELIEVE YOU CAN CHEAT PEOPLE FOREVER WITH THAT MUMBO JUMBO, ARNAR!

THERE ARE MANY UNBELIEVERS IN THE WORLD, MR. DURRAND! I REALIZE YOU ARE ONLY DOING YOUR DUTY, BUT PERHAPS I CAN GIVE YOU AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF THE OCCULT AND SUPERNATURAL!



WAIT! YOU SCOFF AT MY WISDOM, DURRAND! WEAR THIS RING WHILE MY BODY AND SPIRIT ARE IMPRISONED! IT WILL ENDOW YOU WITH THE GREAT GIFT OF THE FUTURE IT HAS GIVEN ME! DO YOU DARE, DURRAND!

YOU'RE NOT TALKING TO SOME IDIOT WITH MORE MONEY THAN BRAINS ARNAR! SURE! I'LL HOLD THAT THING FOR YOU TILL YOU GET OUT! MY WIFE WILL GET A KICK OUT OF IT!



ONE MORE THING, MR. DURRAND-- BEWARE THE BLANK FACES!

SURE, SURE! BUT TAKE MY ADVICE AND FORGET THAT CRAZY TALK OF THE FUTURE BEFORE THEY SHIP YOU UP TO THE LAUGHING ACADEMY!



CRACKPOT! BUT HE'S SMART ENOUGH TO STEAL A FORTUNE! WONDER IF THIS RING IS REALLY VALUABLE?

HEY, CABBIE!





THE MAN WHO SCOFFS AT THE SUPERNATURAL REACHES THE CURB! HE OPENS THE DOOR OF THE CAB! SUDDENLY, HORROR TEARS AT HIS BRAIN AS...

WHERE TO, MAC? G-GREAT SCOTT! HIS FACE... IT'S A BLANK!



SOME NUT! ACTS LIKE HE'S SEEN A GHOST OR SOMETHING! LET 'IM GRAB SOMEBODY ELSE!

A-A GHOSTLY BLANK FACE... LIKE ARNAR'S WARNING! IT MUST BE MY NERVES! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!



THE IRATE CABBIE SPEEDS OFF... AND SUDDEN DEATH HOVERS OVERHEAD...

T-THAT STEEL GIRDER! STOP! STOP!



THEN, AS IF ARNAR'S OWN HAND HAD DEALT THE BLOW, THE CAB DRIVER MEETS HIS END...



NO, NO...

THAT LITTLE FIEND ARNAR! HE'S HYPNOTIZED ME IN SOME MANNER! MADE ME THINK I SAW A BLANK FACE! IT'S JUST A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE... THAT MAN DYING AFTERWARD! I MUST CONTROL MY NERVES... GET SOME REST...



THAT EVENING, AS DURRAND AWAKENS FROM A DEEP SLEEP...

AH, I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN! I WAS A FOOL TO BECOME ALARMED! IT'S NOTHING BUT A FLASHY MAGICIAN'S RING! IMAGINE, THINKING IT COULD FORECAST DEATH TO PEOPLE WITH BLANK FACES... BETTER GET DOWN TO THE OFFICE AND CATCH UP ON MY WORK!



BUT FATE IS NOT FINISHED WITH DURRAND! SOON...

JOHN, THAT WAS SOME ACCIDENT ON THE PIKE TODAY! DOING A LITTLE NIGHT WORK?

THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS ER... A BIT KNOCKED OUT TOOK THE AFTERNOON OFF!





THE FRIENDLY CONVERSATION IS SUDDENLY CUT SHORT! DURRAND REELS BACK FROM THE ELEVATOR -- HIS CASUAL EXPRESSION TURNING TO ONE OF COMPLETE AND UTTER HORROR!

GOOD GRIEF! Y-YOUR FACE.. IT'S A GHOSTLY BLANK! NO! NO NOT AGAIN!

H-HUH? ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT, JOHN?

OTHERS .. OTHERS WITH THE FACE OF DEATH! ONE .. TWO .. THREE .. MORE! OPERATOR! DON'T RUN THAT ELEVATOR!

I CAN'T WAIT HERE ALL DAY, MAC! YOU'D BETTER CATCH THE NEXT EXPRESS!



W-WAIT, YOU FOOL! THERE'S GOING TO BE A DREADFUL ACCIDENT.. SIX WILL DIE! YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME.. YOU MUST!

THAT CHARACTER'S FLIPPING HIS LID!

STEP ASIDE, MISTER! THAT CAR'S GOT TO LEAVE!

FROZEN WITH FEAR, DURRAND GLARES AT THE FLOOR INDICATOR! THE EXPRESS ROCKETS UPWARD! THEN ..

EEEE! H-HELP!

IT'S HAPPENED! I TRIED TO WARN THEM.. PREVENT THIS TRAGEDY! BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN!



SIX OF THEM DEAD! THE MECHANIC SAYS THE SAFETY DEVICE FAILED WHEN THE CABLE GAVE! ROUGH, HUHT

YEAH .. AND STRANGE! WE JUST HAD TROUBLE WITH A GUY WHO WARNED US ABOUT AN ACCIDENT.. SAID SIX WOULD DIE! I THINK I'D BETTER MAKE A REPORT!

T-THIS IS ALL SO INCREDIBLE.. I MUST GATHER MY WITS TOGETHER .. THERE'S GOT TO BE A LOGICAL EXPLANATION..

THAT EAT ..





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H-HERE KITTY..KITTY! DON'T .. CROSS THE STREET.. COME BACK, KITTY!



BUT THE CAT DOES NOT RESPOND TO DURRAND'S FRANTIC CALL! THE SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY THE ROAR OF A POWERFUL ENGINE AND ...

NO! NO! I--I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE! THIS ACCURSED RING OF EVIL IS DRIVING ME MAD! TRUTH OR FANTASY I MUST RID MYSELF OF IT! I'LL TAKE IT OFF! DISPOSE OF IT!



IT.. WON'T BUDGE! IT'S HIDEOUS BAND HAS LOCKED ITS CURSE UPON ME! I MUST GET HELP.. SOMEONE TO CUT IT OFF MY FINGER! A--A JEWELER ..



BUT THE HOUR IS LATE AND THE COALS OF AGONY BURN BRIGHT IN JOHN DURRAND AS HE SEEKS OUT HELP.. IN VAIN!



P-PLEASE.. LET ME IN.. BEFORE I SEE DEATH AGAIN! YOU MUST! IN HEAVEN'S NAME YOU MUST!



STOP ALL THAT RUMPUS YOUNG FELLER! I'LL OPEN UP IN A MINUTE!

THIS RING.. YOU MUST CUT IT FROM MY FINGER AT ONCE! I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING TO TAKE IT OFF!



CALM DOWN! I NEVER SAW ANYONE SO HOT AND BOTHERED OVER A WEDGED RING! COME BACK TO MY WORK BENCH AND I'LL PUT THE JEWELER'S SAW TO IT!



CAN'T YOU WORK ANY FASTER? I-I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET IT OFF! PLEASE HURRY!

DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT-- I CAN'T TAKE YOUR FINGER OFF WITH IT! STEADY NOW... STEADY! THERE -- CUT CLEAN THROUGH IT!



AT LAST! I COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT MUCH LONGER! THANK HEAVEN IT'S OVER!



SAY.. THAT'S A SMART OPAL SETTING YOU GOT THERE! FOR A FEW DOLLARS I COULD ENLARGE THE BAND!

NO! GIVE ME THAT.. IT'S NO GOOD TO ANYONE! I'LL -- TAKE CARE OF IT!



I... NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT RING AGAIN! IT'S CAUSED ME UNTOLD MISERY! THANKS AGAIN.. FOR EVERYTHING!

THE RING... HE'S THROWN IT AWAY! HE MUST BE CRAZY! IT'S WORTH A SMALL FORTUNE!



YESSIR, SHE'S A BEAUTY! WITH A LITTLE MENDING SHE'LL MAKE A SMART FINGER RING!



THE JEWELER SLIPS THE RING ON HIS FINGER ADMIRINGLY-- BEAMS PROUDLY FOR A SPLIT SECOND AND THEN, CASTING A GLANCE THROUGH THE DISPLAY WINDOW --



G-GREAT. SCOTT! THAT MAN'S FACE... IT CAN'T BE!

A-A- GHOSTLY BLANK FACE! IT MUST BE MY NERVES .. IT CAN'T BE TRUE!



PERHAPS ONE DAY YOU WILL COME UPON THE RING OF ARNAR! AND SHOULD IT BE FOR SALE PONDOR WELL BEFORE YOU PURCHASE IT! AND REMEMBER THE FATE OF JOHN DURRAND.. THE MAN WHO SAW DEATH!



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THE HIRED KILLER MOVED CONFIDENTLY THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND - FOR DEATH WAS A BED FELLOW OF THE MAN WHO WORKED AT MURDER! BUT, ONCE ACCEPTED, THE COLD HAND OF THE BEYOND IS SLOW TO RELEASE ITS GRIP - SO IT WAS THAT BARKER CRANE COULD NOT FIGHT OFF THE CURSE THAT SHADOWED HIM... NOR COULD HE HOPE TO BLOT OUT...

# The SPECTRE'S FACE

STOP PLAGUING ME!  
YOU'RE NOT REAL!  
YOU'RE NOT ALIVE!



A KILLER STALKS THE STREETS! TALL, GAUNT, STEEL-EYED ... READY TO PEDDLE HIS WARES FOR A "PAY OFF" AND THE PRICE OF A BULLET!

BETTER LET HIM CATCH  
IT IN THE DOORWAY!







ANOTHER DEATH ANOTHER DOLLAR! THE KILLER WENDS HIS WAY THROUGH DIM CITY STREETS -- BACK TO HIS LAIR OF BLOOD AND EVIL ...

BARKER CRANE!

YEAH, YEAH, BARKER!



INSIDE, ACCOMPLICES GATHER ROUND TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR ICY-NERVED MARKSMAN! BUT WAIT, SOMETHING IS STRANGELY AMISS IN THIS GAME OF SUDDEN DEATH ...

FINISHED ALREADY, EH, BARKER? GOT YOUR PAY-OFF RIGHT HERE...

PUT IT BACK, CHUNKER! THIS JOB'S ON THE HOUSE!

HUH? ARE YOU NUTS, BARKER?



NOT NUTS! SMART! I'VE GOT A BUCK AND I'M THROUGH BUTCHERING! THAT KILLING WAS FOR FREE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANY HARD FEELINGS! UNDERSTAND! I'M PLAYING IT RESPECTABLE HERE ON OUT! ALL RIGHT, CHUNKER?

W-WHY SURE, BARKER! SURE IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FIGURE IT!



IT'S OVER AT LAST -- AND I BEAT THE RACKET! WONDER HOW MANY GUYS I'VE BUMPED OFF? TWO DOZEN? MAYBE MORE! BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? I DIDN'T EVEN SEE THE FACES OF HALF OF THEM! YEAH, I BEAT THE RACKET -- BUT GOOD!



STEP BY STEP, DEATH'S HENCHMAN MOVES INTO THE WORLD OF RESPECTABILITY! THE MUCK AND MIRE OF CRIMEDOM IS BEHIND HIM... HE HAS FORGED A FORTUNE WITH THE GUN. HE HAS BEATEN THE RACKETS!



HOLD STILL, FOLKS! GOT TO HAVE A PICTURE OF OUR CLUB PICNIC!



BUT BARKER CRANE HAD NOT RECKONED WITH THE POWER OF THE PAST IN HIS SURGE UP SOCIETY'S LADDER! SHORTLY ...

WHY, BARKER, THERE'S THE STRANGEST THING IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH I TOOK AT THE PICNIC! LOOK!

LET'S SEE IT, EDITH!

THAT HORRIBLE PERSON HOVERING OVER YOU, BARKER! WHERE DID HE COME FROM? NOBODY SAW HIM AT THE PICNIC!

W-WHY, I DON'T KNOW!

OH, IT MUST BE THAT SILLY PHOTOGRAPHER'S MISTAKE! TOO BAD IT SPOILED THE FILM! BYE, BARKER!

BYE!

T-THAT FACE! I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE ... B-BUT WHERE? PERHAPS IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION!

A MISTAKE? PERHAPS, BARKER CRANE ... PERHAPS! LATER ...

I WANT THIS PICTURE TO BE A BANG UP JOB, KRANDELL! IT'S FOR A VERY IMPORTANT GIRL!

YES, MR. CRANE!

BUT THE NEXT DAY, WHEN CRANE RECEIVES THE PHOTOGRAPHS BY SPECIAL MAIL ...

W-W-W!  
T-THAT FACE AGAIN!

THE FIRES OF MEMORY BURN BRIGHT IN BARKER'S BRAIN! WHO IS IT? WHO IS THE HALF HUMAN CREATURE COME TO HAUNT HIM?

I-I KNOW WHO IT IS? YES.. YES! IT'S... SOMEONE I'VE... KILLED!

OF COURSE .. OF COURSE! THE STARING EYES.. THE DRAWN, WRINKLED FLESH! JUST THE EXPRESSION THEY ALL HAVE WHEN MY BULLETS SNUFF OUT THEIR LIVES! B-BUT WHO IS IT? WHO?



# WEB OF EVIL

BARKER'S FEAR FLOODED MIND RECOILS IN HORROR AS THE PAST MOVES IN UPON HIM! ONE BY ONE THE PARADE OF PHANTOM VICTIMS GO BY...





ONCE AGAIN, THE KILLER'S THOUGHTS WHIRL BACKWARDS TO DREDGE UP FORMER SCENES OF VIOLENCE...



DAVOE! YES, YES!  
HE WAS MY FIRST  
EMPLOYER! HE'LL  
KNOW! HE'S GOT  
TO KNOW!

DAVOE NEVER FORGETS  
A VICTIM. HE'LL  
HELP ME FOR  
SURE!



GOT YA PICTURE,  
MISTER! JUST  
TAKES ONE  
MINUTE!



JUST FIFTY  
CENTS,  
MISTER!  
OH-H!

ONE SIDE,  
YOU STUPID  
BUM!



HERE! GIVE  
ME THE  
PICTURE!

ULP?  
A-AW RIGHT,  
MISTER!



Y-I-I-I!

THE NEWS RACES THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD FASTER THAN BARKER CRANE'S TERROR STRICKEN LEGS! AT JOHNNY DAVOE'S HEADQUARTERS...

JUST HEARD BARKER  
CRANE'S TIPPED HIS  
TROLLEY, JOHNNY!  
SOMETHING ABOUT A  
PICTURE -- HE'S  
HEADIN' HERE!

YEAH! WELL  
RELAX! I'LL  
HANDLE  
HIM!

HERE HE COMES  
-- LIKE A  
WILD MAN!





SHORTLY..

WHY, SURE, BARKER!  
I KNOW THIS FELLOW!  
HIS NAME'S PAUL  
WINTON, A JEWELER  
YOU KNOCKED OFF  
BACK IN '50!

THANK  
HEAVENS  
YOU  
KNOW!  
WHERE IS  
HIS HOUSE,  
JOHNNY?  
WHERE?

WELL, ER,  
LET'S SEE..  
IT WAS 100  
CYPRESS WAY!  
YEAH, THAT'S IT!

GOOD!..  
I'VE GOT  
TO GO  
THERE AT  
ONCE!

ON AND ON BARKER CRANE PURSUES  
THE SPECTRE WHO HAS INVADDED  
HIS LIFE ....

..94 CYPRESS WAY..  
96... GOT TO FIND  
PAUL WINTON --  
PROVE TO MYSELF  
HE ISN'T REALLY  
DEAD!

THIS GUY'S  
DEATH WITH  
A GUN --  
MAYBE HE  
REALLY WANTS  
TO KNOW!

THEN ..

YA-A-A-A!  
A GRAVEYARD!

YOU'RE NOT DEAD!  
IT'S ALL A TRICK!  
YOU'RE ALIVE ..ALIVE!  
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW  
YOURSELF?

I-IT'S TRUE! HE IS  
DEAD --AND ONLY HIS  
SPIRIT IS PLAGUING ME!  
HE'LL ..NEVER LET ME  
FORGET! HE'LL REMIND ME  
FOREVER OF MY LIFE  
OF MURDER!

I'M DOOMED...  
DOOMED BY A FACE  
FROM THE GRAVE!

POLICE STATION





I'M BARKER CRANE! I'VE KILLED MANY MEN! YOU COPS COULDN'T CATCH ME, BUT SOMEONE ELSE DID! IT TOOK A GHOST TO STOP BARKER CRANE BECAUSE... I HAD THE RACKETS BEATEN!

TAKE DOWN HIS CONFESSION, SERGEANT TRAVERS!



YOU CAN'T SEE HIM... BUT WINTON'S GHOST IS RIGHT HERE NOW... WAITING FOR HIS VENGEANCE!

JUST SIGN EVERY SHEET OF THE CONFESSION, CRANE! THEN WE'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR CELL!



SHORTLY... NOW IT'S SAFE TO TELL YOU, WISE GUY! THERE ISN'T ANY GHOST! WE TRAPPED YOU INTO A CONFESSION! EVERY ONE OF THOSE GHOST PICTURES WAS RIGGED AND SPRUNG ON YOU WITH THE HELP OF CITIZENS!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'VE BEEN UNDER SUSPICION FOR A LONG TIME! BUT THE LAW NEEDS PROOF... OR A CONFESSION!



YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I FOOLED YOU ALL -- I BEAT THE RACKETS!

NOBODY BEATS THE RACKETS, CRANE! BUT NOBODY!

THE HAND OF DESTINY REACHES OUT TO THE MAN WHO WORKED AT MURDER! STEP BY STEP HE DESCENDS BACK DOWN THE LADDER... INTO THE MIRE AND OBLIVION OF HIS OWN MAKING..



THIS WILL MAKE SOME PICTURE! A GUY WHO'S KILLED DOZENS GETTING THE LAST COUNT HIMSELF!

YEAH! BUT IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS AND YOU'LL GET THE LAST COUNT IF THEY SPOT YOU!

FINALLY, THE VENGEANCE OF THE FACELESS VICTIM IS COMPLETE...



BUT LATER, IN A DOWN TOWN NEWSPAPER DARK ROOM, A STRANGE NEVER TO BE TOLD ENDING IS WRITTEN TO BARKER CRANE'S CAREER...



SUFFERING HANNAH! LOOK AT THAT SCREWBALL FACE IN CRANE'S PICTURE!

YOU JERK! YOU MUST HAVE MESSED UP THE PLATE WITH SOME HORROR FILM FOR THE SUNDAY'S SUPPLEMENT! THERE GOES YOUR SCOOP ON CRANE'S DEATH! IT'S RUINED!



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# Vampire Valley

HE was a small man, blonde and amiable-looking and gentle, and from where he sat perched on the high, cold rock he seemed to watch the scene below with detached amusement. Fitful clouds turned the moonlight off and on like a neon sign. Gray mist, like cold dead fingers, writhed and coiled about the rocks of the valley floor and crept wetly into the deeper hollows between.

The man down below came into sight again, a sinister figure in a long black cloak, crouched behind an outcropping of rock. He was obviously hiding there, waiting for someone or something, and now and then the moonlight glinted briefly from some shiny object half-hidden under the concealing cloak. The blonde man up above smiled gently to himself and shifted his own cloak closer against the chill of the night wind.

From up the valley came the sudden clatter of awkward steps, the rattle of dislodged rocks. A man came into sight, a farmer huddled in a sheepskin jacket, picking his way carefully along the path. The thin, dark man behind the rocks tensed, waiting. When the farmer was almost past his hiding place, the thin man stepped out. His bony arms stuck out, holding the black cloak poised like wings. Under the flop brim of a black hat, his eyes held a deep and sinister glitter.

The farmer stopped short with a choked gasp of fear. "Wha . . . What do you want? Who . . . Who are you?"

"You know who I am," the thin man said in a hollow voice. "And you know what I want . . . your blood."

"No! No!" The farmer seemed paralyzed by a shaking terror. He fell to his knees, sweat glistening on the palor of his lifted face, his breath coming in deep, convulsive gasps. "No!"

The thin man seemed to glide forward. He bent over the sobbing farmer. The shiny object glinted in the moonlight as it lunged toward the farmer's throat. A faint gurgling sound. The thin man stepped back, his cloak once more spread like evil wings. The farmer sobbed in crazy, panting breaths. "What have you done to me, you fiend? You . . . You vampire!"

"Tasted your blood," the thin man said. "Not too much . . . yet. Enough to whet my appetite. Eat richly, friend. Replenish your blood. I will seek you out again and again, until all your blood is mine, and you are one with the Undead . . . the vampires of Vampire Valley."

With a squawk of terror, the farmer scrambled to his feet and ran, lurching away into the fog, the sound of his yelping terror drifting back. The thin man laughed and held out the shiny object. It was a clever double syringe, made to stab through skin and suck out a small quantity of blood. Still chuckling, the thin man sent the plunger down, squirting twin streams of dark fluid onto a rock.

From above the thin man's head, the blonde watcher said in a mild voice, "You're quite a devil of a chap there, aren't you, with that fake vampire rig and that gadget that makes imitation teeth marks as it sucks a little blood from their necks? Tch-tch!"

The thin man froze, then very slowly looked upward. He seemed poised for flight, but uncertain. "Who . . . Who are you?"

The blonde man chuckled. "A watcher, friend. I've watched you pull that gag for seven nights now, scaring seven fine farmers into leaving the valley forever. Shame on you!"

"Look," the thin man panted. "I'll tell you. There's enough in it for both of us. It's oil, all under the valley. This land'll be worth a fortune soon. With the help of the old superstition I scare those yokels into selling out cheap and running away I'll cut you in. There's enough profit ahead for two."

The blonde man shook his head. "Doesn't interest me, friend. It's not my weakness, money."

"What is?"

Softly, quietly, the blonde man opened his cloak. Black wings spread and lifted. He flew lightly down to the path to face the bulging, horrified eyes of the thin man. He smiled pleasantly, showing sharp white teeth behind pale lips. "Blood interests me, friend. But not to waste in fakery. I am the vampire of Vampire Valley, and I assure you, when I feast I feast on all there is."



# THE HOUSE WHERE HORROR LIVED



**FEAR AND ENVY!**  
POWERFUL EMOTIONS IN THE BREASTS OF MEN -- AND WHEN ONE MAN KNOWS NO FEAR AND ANOTHER SEETHES WITH ENVY SUDDEN DEATH IS SURE TO LURK NEARBY. AS IT DOES THIS VERY MOMENT IN A LONDON MUSIC HALL!

HOW I HATE THAT CONCEITED FOOL! BUT YEAR AFTER YEAR HE GOES ON AND ON DEFYING DEATH AND TREATING ME LIKE A SNIVELING KOWARD! BAH! LET THE FOOLS CHEER HIM!



YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM TONIGHT, MELVILE! CHEERED THEMSELVES HOARSE! HA! THEY'LL REMEMBER MY DARLING WELL!

I'M SURE THEY WILL, MISTER CARLTON!









TWO DAYS AFTERWARD, IN LONDON, ENVY STRIKES BACK...

MY ACT NEEDS SOMETHING FRESH, MELVILLE! SOMETHING EVEN MORE DARING!

HAUNTED HOUSE! I WONDER...

STUDENTS OF THE PSYCHIC PHENOMENA STILL PUZZLED BY THE MYSTERIOUS HAUNTED HOUSE ON HILLBRANT HILL! DOES HEADLESS SPECTRE SOAR?

LATER, MELVILLE DRAKE APPEARS AT HILLBRANT HILL...

YOU MEAN, YOU'LL PAY ME TO TRICK A FRIEND OF YOURS IN THE HOUSE?

EXACTLY! I'LL HAVE MAGICIAN'S TRICKS SET UP! YOU'LL OPERATE A CONTROL BOARD THAT WILL SEND ALL SORTS OF SPOOKS INTO ACTION!

I'VE EVEN GOT A TRICK HEADLESS GHOST I CAN GET HOLD OF! WHEN YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER 30 POUNDS!

BLIMEY, MISTER, BUT YOU SURE MUST WANT TO SCARE YOUR FRIEND TO GO TO 50 MUCH TROUBLE!

THE GREAT HOAX BEGINS! THE MAN OF ENVY MANIPULATES HIS CARDS OF VENGEANCE CAREFULLY...



I'VE INSTRUCTED YOU ON EACH GHOST TRICK! DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE!

OKAY, GUYNER! REMEMBER, AT DAWN I GET THE 30 POUNDS!

A GREAT IDEA OF YOURS, MELVILLE! THIS STUNT WILL MAKE ME EVEN MORE FAMOUS!

THE DOORWAY TO TERROR CLOSES ON "THE BRAVEST MAN ALIVE"...

LOCK AND BOLT THE DOOR, MELVILLE! I'M HERE FOR THE NIGHT!

INDEED I WILL, MISTER CARLTON!

MINUTES PASS... REPORTERS LEAVE... BUT THE MAN OF ENVY WAITS BEHIND FOR THE FIRST PIERCING CRY OF FEAR!



AHA! HE'S SEEN IT AT LAST! JOHN CARLTON HAS SEEN FEAR!



THE HORROR STRICKEN CRIES RISE  
IN TEMPO ...

IT'S COMING FOR ME! HELP..HELP..

**HEE-I-I-I**

SUFFER, CARTON!  
SUFFER THE  
TORMENTS  
OF HADES!

WEB OF EVIL

MELVILE! MELVILE! LET ME  
OUT! UNLOCK THE DOOR!  
IT'S GHASTLY.. PLEASE..  
PLEASE!

WHY, MISTER  
CARLTON, HAVE YOU  
NO NERVE? YOU'RE  
THE BRAVEST MAN  
ALIVE... REMEMBER?

THE FEARFUL NAILS OF A  
TORMENTED SOUL RISE AND  
FALL ACROSS THE ENGLISH  
COUNTRYSIDE.. AND WITH  
THE DAWN ..

ALL RIGHT, CARTON! YOU  
CAN COME OUT NOW...  
NOW THAT I'VE TAUGHT  
YOU THE MEANING  
OF FEAR!

**PHHH**

THEN...

G-GREAT SCOTT! H-HIS  
HAIR.. IT'S SNOW  
WHITE!

T-THIS COULD MEAN PRISON TO ME IF  
ANYONE LEARNS WHAT I'VE DONE!  
BETTER LOCATE THAT FOOL CARE-  
TAKER AND MAKE SURE HE  
DOESN'T TALK! **CARLTON  
DROPPED DEATH  
FROM FRIGHT!**

AND AS THE VENGEFUL SERVANT ENTERS "THE HOUSE  
WHERE HORROR LIVES"...

HO, HO! HA, HE! ALAS I HAVE  
ME YET ANOTHER VICTIM!

H-HUH...! GOOD GRIEF!  
THAT THING DOES LOOK  
REAL! NO WONDER CARLTON  
WAS FRIGHTENED OUT OF  
HIS WITS!

HOW DO YOU WISH TO  
DIE, INTRUDER?  
MAKE YOUR MIND  
UP IN HASTE..  
YOU HAVE BUT  
LITTLE TIME  
LEFT!

WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE  
IS THIS! THE SHOW'S  
OVER, CARETAKER--  
YOU'VE EARNED YOUR  
MONEY! I'M COMING  
DOWN IN THE CELLAR  
TO PAY YOU OFF!



BUT AS DRAKE ENTERS THE DAMP  
OMINOUS CELLAR BELOW ...

T-THE CONTROL BOX  
FOR THE GHOST  
GADGETS... IT'S  
BEEN SMASHED!  
BUT... HOW  
ON EARTH...?



HIS  
BODY  
WREATHING  
WITH  
FRIGHT,  
DRAKE  
RUNS  
LIKE  
A MAN  
POS-  
SESSED  
TO  
HIS  
ONLY  
PROMISE  
OF  
SAFETY..



A-ANOTHER FEW  
STEPS AND I'LL  
BE OUTSIDE! IF  
ONLY I CAN GET  
AWAY BEFORE...  
IT STEALS MY  
MIND!

T-THEN YOU ARE REAL!  
CARLTON WAS ACTUALLY  
DRIVEN MAD BY A...  
TRUE GHOST! WHAT...  
DO YOU INTEND TO  
DO TO ME?



N-NO... YOU WON'T  
GET ME LIKE YOU  
DID CARLTON! I'M  
GETTING OUT  
OF HERE!



EEE-I-I... THEY'RE  
AFTER ME! I'M...  
LOSING MY SENSES..  
GOT TO ESCAPE!



THERE IS NO ESCAPE  
FROM US, STRANGER!

T-THERE MUST BE  
A WAY OUT...  
BUT WHERE! I  
MUST FIND IT  
FAST... HUH?





HURRY.. BEFORE THEY CATCH YOU AS THEY DID TO ME! HA, HA!.. BUT I'M STILL ALIVE. AREN'T I? YOU CAN BE TO IF YOU HEED MY WORDS!

U-UGH!  
NOOOO!



BOLTING LIKE A TERRIFIED ANIMAL, DRAKE RUNS DOWN THE HIDEOUS HALLWAY...

HO HO! HA HA!

I-I CAN'T STAND IT! LEAVE ME ALONE!



EEEEEEAAA!

NO!  
NO! NO!



AN INSTANT LATER, AS CURIOUS REPORTERS GATHER BEFORE THE HOUSE OF HORROR...

GREAT SCOTT! LOOK!

OUT OF THE WAY, EVERYONE!



IT LOOKS LIKE CARLTON'S MAN-SERVANT, DRAKE! POOR CHAP MUST HAVE GONE IN TO HELP HIS MASTER.. AND MET THE SAME VIOLENT DEATH HE DID! LOOK AT THAT HORROR IN HIS EYES!

IT'S HORRIBLE! SURELY NO ONE CAN DOUBT THE TALE OF THIS HORROR HOUSE NOW.. IT'S JUST DRIVEN TWO MEN TO A FRIGHTENING DEATH! PERHAPS, ONE DAY, THEY'LL TEAR THIS PLACE OF EVIL DOWN! LET'S HOPE SO!

THUS ENDS THE WEIRD TALE OF JOHN CARLTON, 'THE BRAVEST MAN ALIVE' AND HIS MAN-SERVANT DRAKE! AND WE SOMETIMES WONDER IF DRAKE WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH HIS FANATICAL PLAN COULD HE HAVE SEEN A SMALL ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING DAY'S PAPER...

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SERVANT DRAKE ALSO A  
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